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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

ROXBURY, MASS. MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGE

Re: United States v. Randolph BOSTON, Jr.

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, William J. Hoover, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"), and Rochester Police Chief David G. Dubois, announced that Randolph BOSTON, Jr., of Rochester, NH, was convicted on November 23, 2004 of federal weapons possession charges.

BOSTON entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico to an information charging him with being a drug user in possession of 15 firearms between January 1 and June 30, 2004 in Strafford County, New Hampshire.

BOSTON was released subject to behavioral conditions to be supervised by the U.S. Department of Probation pending his sentencing hearing to be held in U.S. District Court in Concord on February 25, 2005. He faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of drug traffickers and unlawful drug users is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws.

The prosecution against BOSTON part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department and the U.S Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.